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MEMORANDUM FOR:

The President's Foreign

Intelligence Advisory Board

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George Bush

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SUBJECT:

The Handling and Dissemination of Papers Developed by the Operations Advisory Group

1. During the 2 April meeting of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, Mr. Gordon Gray expressed concern as to the handling and dissemination of papers developed by the new Operations Advisory Group (OAG). I have looked into this matter and wish to report the following:

a. The procedures employed at present by the OAG are the same as those followed by its predecessor, the 40 Committee. Detailed notes on the deliberations of the OAG are made by the Executive Secretary of the OAG. These notes, which are the only ones kept during the deliberations, are retained securely in the office of the Executive Secretary of the OAG. They are not circulated or distributed to the Principals or their offices.

b. A summary description of the proposals and the OAG recommendations are submitted to the President for his findings to determine that the proposed operations are important to the security of the United States. This procedure is in compliance with Section 662 (Hughes-Ryan Amendment) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1974. A record of the President's findings is maintained in the office of the Executive Secretary of the OAG.

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- c. A decision notification or "minute," which briefly and succinctly gives the decisions reached but does not describe details of the proposals, is distributed to the OAG Principals following each meeting.
- d. CIA, of course, maintains copies of the program proposals which it submits to the OAG, and keeps a record of the approval notifications received from the OAG. CIA's Office of Legislative Counsel keeps a record of the notification briefings on OAG-approved activities which have been given to the appropriate oversight committees of the Senate and House of Representatives.
- 2. I believe maximum security is served by these procedures and that it is appropriate for the OAG to be the office of record for papers which are developed by the OAG.

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CONCUR:

William E. Nelson, DDO Date

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